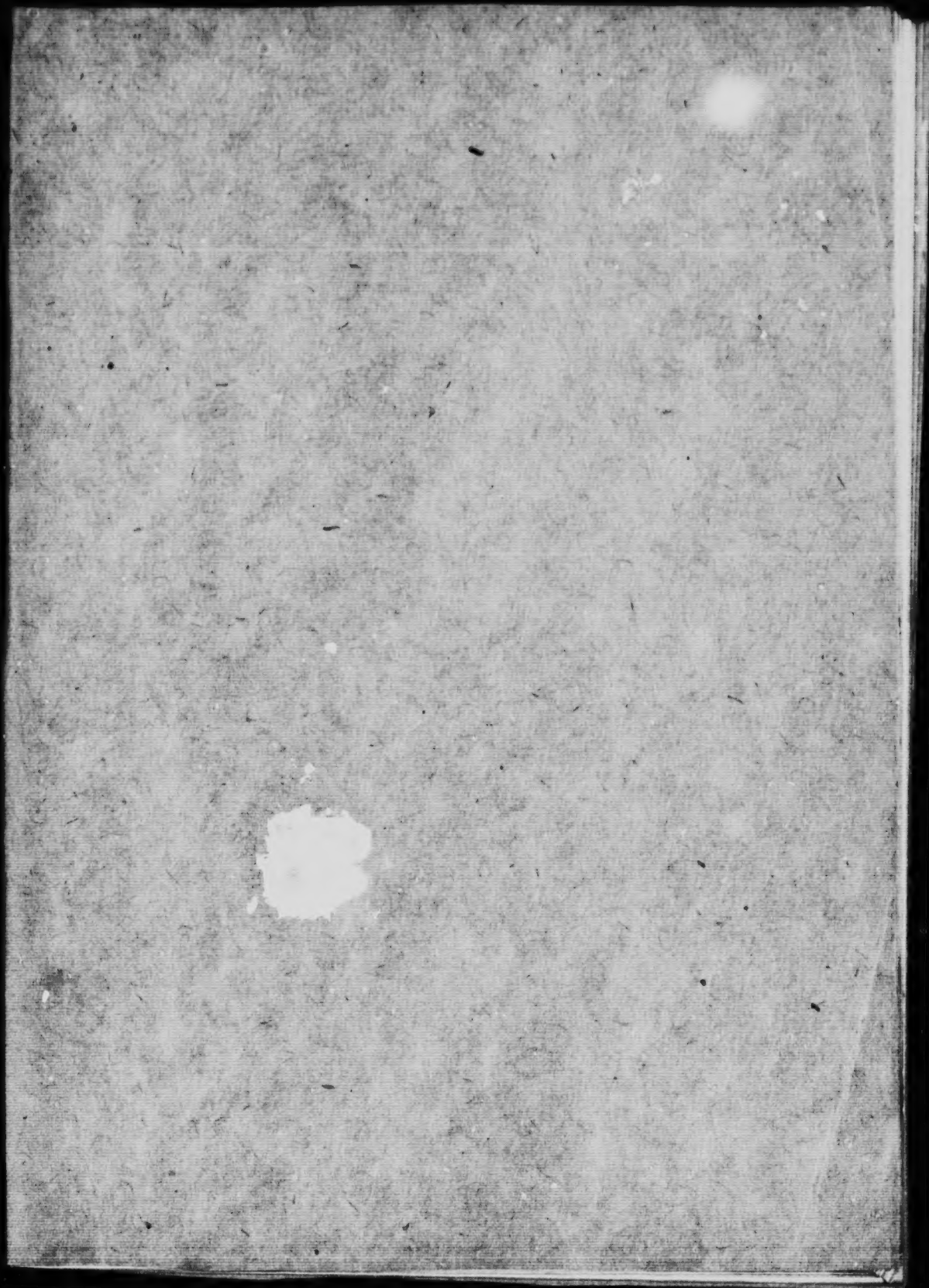


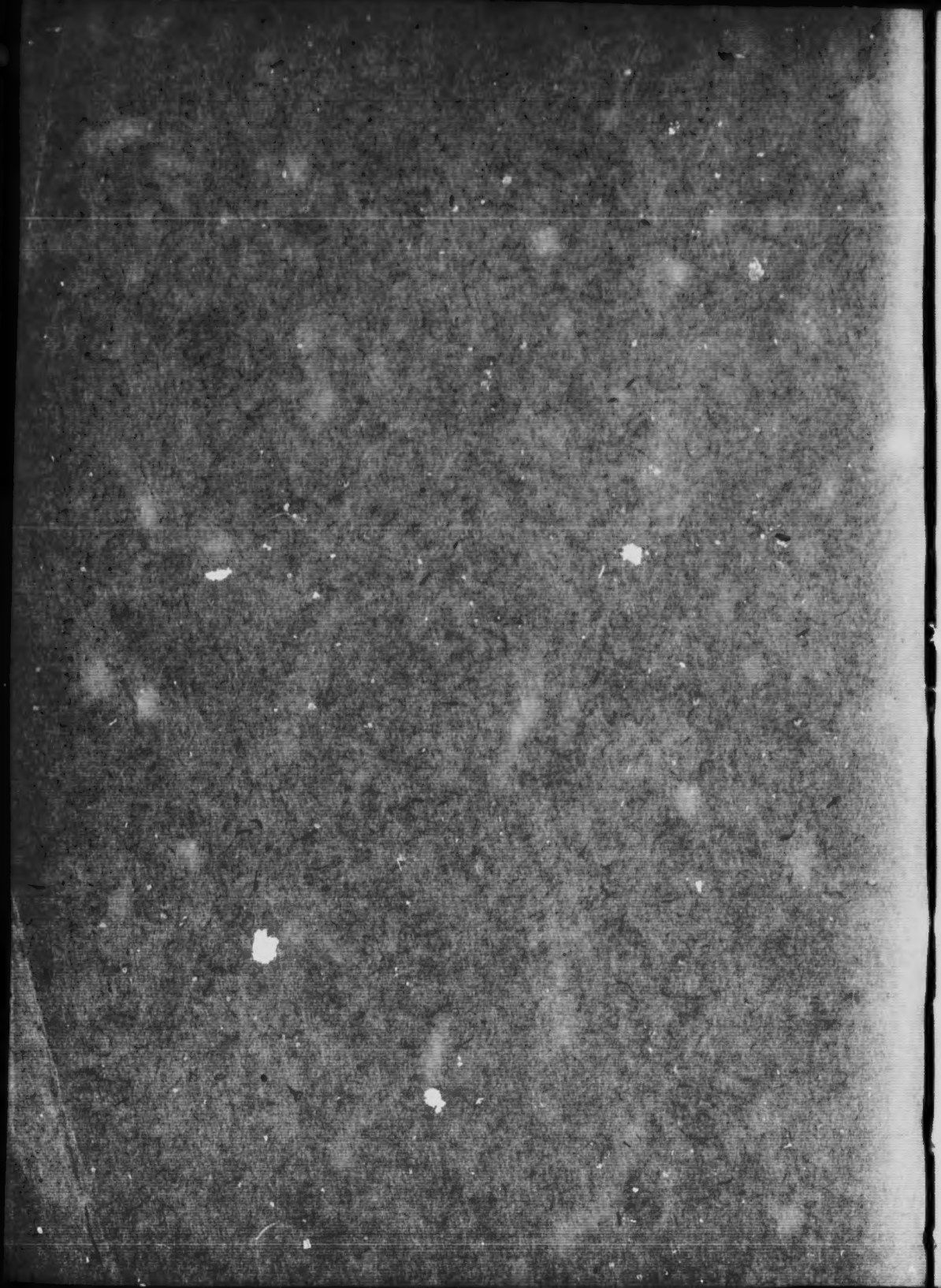
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Constitution and By-Laws.

I.—NAME.

The Canadian Military Institute.

II.—OBJECTS.

The promotion of Military Art, Science and Literature, and for social purposes.

III.—MEMBERSHIP.

There shall be five classes of members :—

- (a) Ordinary,
- (b) Privileged,
- (c) Honorary,
- (d) Life,
- (e) Extra-ordinary. (24 Jan., 1910.)

(1) Ordinary members may be either resident or non-resident, and shall be confined to officers and ex-officers of H. M. Regular and Auxiliary Forces, and of the Canadian Militia, together with life members under sub-section 6 of this section, and only such shall have the right to vote.

(2) A resident member is one whose residence or place of business is within 10 miles of Toronto postoffice.

(3) Extra-ordinary membership shall be restricted to officers of the permanent corps stationed in Toronto, who are members of the Stanley Barracks mess. Extra-ordinary members can be transferred to other classes of membership without entrance fee. (24 Jan., 1910.)

(4) All officers of the army and auxiliary forces and of the Canadian Militia, shall be admissible as privileged members during a period not exceeding two weeks, on being introduced by a member; such privilege not to be repeated within six months. (See also House Rule 7.)

(5) The Committee shall have the power from time to time to admit as privileged members, during such period as the Committee may limit, Consuls representing foreign Governments, foreign Naval and Army Officers. (27 Jan., 1897.)

(6) Any gentleman donating an amount of \$200 or upwards in money or gifts may be granted the rights of a privileged member during his life, and the election of such to be as provided for Honorary Members in the By-laws. "Election of Members (2)." (26 Nov., 1906.)

(7) Any member or any person elected an ordinary member under the bylaws may become a life member on payment of \$200 in one sum. Subscriptions received from life membership shall be invested or expended only on capital account. (28 Jan., 1895.)

(8) Honorary membership shall be conferred only upon such persons, wheresoever resident, as, in the opinion of the members, may for some special reason be considered entitled to such distinction.

IV.—SUBSCRIPTIONS.

An entrance fee of \$5, and an annual subscription of \$12 pro rata for the unexpired portion of each year shall be paid by each resident member upon joining the Institute. If, however, payment be made before the 31st day of March in each year, a rebate of \$2 will be allowed. Provided that no entrance fee shall be required of any gentleman who joins within one year of his first appointment.

Non-resident members shall be charged \$2.50 annual dues. The Mess at Stanley Barracks may commute the annual subscriptions of its members eligible under III para. (4) on payment in one sum of ——— dollars (an amount to be determined by the committee before 1st March in each year).—(24 Jan., 1910.) Annual dues commence on the first day of January of each year.

V.—POLITICS AND RELIGION.

Politics and religious questions of every kind shall be absolutely excluded from discussion in the Institute.

VI.—PATRONS.

There may be a Patron and Vice-Patrons.

VII.—OFFICERS.

The officers shall be a President, ten Vice-Presidents, (six of the latter to be non-resident members,) an Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, who, together with ten other ordinary members, (two being elected from members who are officers in corps elsewhere than Toronto and two from members who have formerly been officers in the Militia or are on the reserve of officers,) shall form a Committee charged with the entire management of the Institute ; five to form a quorum. (28 Jan., 1895.)

VIII.—AUDITOR.

An auditor shall be elected by the Committee, and he shall present his report at the next annual general meeting. (24 Jan., 1910.)

IX.—THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee shall have power to make, from time to time, rules and regulations for the management of the rooms, and such rules and regulations shall have all the effect and force of By-laws. The Committee shall also appoint from amongst themselves such committees as they may deem fit for the better carrying out of the purposes of the Institute. The Committee shall also have power to appoint such official or officials as may be considered necessary to assist the working of the Institute.

X.—ANNUAL REPORT.

The Committee shall, at the Annual General Meeting, present a report of the state of the Institute, in which shall be given an abstract of

all the proceedings and of the receipts and expenditures during the year ending 31st December next before such meeting.

XI.—LECTURES, ETC.

The Committee shall make such arrangements as they may deem necessary for meetings, at which lectures may be given and essays or papers read upon any subject relative to the military professions, history, etc., etc. Inventors of articles connected with military professions will be afforded an opportunity of exhibiting and explaining their inventions, and the fullest discussion of all such topics will be invited. Such papers may be published if the Committee should think fit. Friends of members may be present at these lectures.

XII.—COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The Committee shall meet at least monthly. The regular monthly meeting to be held on the second Monday in each month. Special Committee meetings may be called at the option of the President, or on requisition signed by at least three members thereof, 24 hours' notice to members being given.

XIII.—NON-PAYMENT OF FEES.

It shall be optional with the Committee to strike the name of any member off the roll of members who is in arrears on or after the first day of April, and notify him to that effect.

XIV.—ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the fourth Monday in January, at such hour and place in the City of Toronto as the Committee may appoint. Notice of such meeting shall be mailed to each member ten days previously. Fifteen members shall form a quorum at any general meeting of members, either special or annual.

XV.—SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

Special General Meetings shall be called by the Secretary, upon the request, in writing, of ten members, notification being sent to each member at least ten days previous to such meeting, and the requisition for the meeting and the notices to the members must state the business required to be transacted at such meeting, and only such business shall be transacted.

XVI.—ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION OR BY-LAWS.

The Constitution or By-laws may be altered or amended at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, and not otherwise, provided that one month's notice of the proposed alteration shall have been given, in writing, to the Secretary, and posted in the rooms of the Institute.

XVII.—MISCONDUCT OF A MEMBER.

Any member may be suspended by the Committee, (five to form a quorum,) for any act on his part which may be deemed unbecoming an officer, or as calculated to bring discredit on the Institute, and such member shall forfeit all rights as a member from that date. He may be reinstated by the Committee upon offering satisfactory explanations.

Any person who ceases to be a member, excepting through resignation, shall be ineligible to enter or use the Institute except by invitation of the Committee.

By-Laws.

I.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS, ETC.

(1) The Officers and Committee shall be elected by ballot at the Annual General Meeting of the members held in January.

(2) Any vacancy occurring among the officers or Committee shall be filled by the Committee, and said officer or committeeman shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting, or until his successor be appointed.

(3) All questions, except the election of Officers and Honorary Members, shall be decided by a show of hands, unless a ballot be demanded.

(4) Non-resident members shall be entitled to vote by proxy for the election of officers, persons holding proxies to be members.

II.—THE PRESIDENT.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, to enforce the Constitution and By-laws and generally to supervise the affairs of the Institute.

III.—THE VICE-PRESIDENT.

It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to officiate in the absence of the President, and to assist that officer in the discharge of his duties.

IV. — THE HONORARY SECRETARY-TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, or his assistant under him, as the Committee may direct, to call all meetings and conduct all correspondence of the Institute, and to keep correct minutes of all meetings; to post in the rooms all proposals for membership, notices and by-laws, to keep a correct roll of members, to notify each newly elected member of his election, at the same time requesting him

to remit the amount of his fee, and furnishing him with a copy of the constitution ; to notify members desiring to withdraw of the action taken on their resignations ; to have the custody of all the books and records connected with the business of the Institute ; to collect dues ; to keep an account of the same with each member of the Institute ; to prepare lists of those in default, etc. ; to receive and account for all monies belonging to the Institute, and to disburse the same under the instructions of the ment, and cause the same to be audited, and generally to do all in his power to advance the interests of the Institute.

V.

In the absence of the President, the senior Vice-President present, (i.e., by military rank,) shall perform the duties of the President ; and in the absence of the President and Vice-President, such duties shall be discharged by a chairman elected for that purpose by the Committee, or by the meeting, as the case may be.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

(1) All persons desirous of being admitted to the Institute as members must be proposed by a member and seconded by another, and his name posted in the rooms of the Institute for at least two weeks prior to election. The Committee of Management shall elect all members by ballot, five thereof to form a quorum for this purpose, and two black balls shall exclude.

(2) Honorary Members must be recommended by the Committee, and their names shall be posted in the rooms for at least one month before a general meeting of the members. The election of Honorary Members to be by general ballot of the members at any regular meeting of the Institute, at which twenty members are present, and all candidates must receive a two-thirds vote of those present.

FINANCES.

The Committee may make arrangements with any of the chartered banks or loan companies doing business in Canada for the deposit of moneys, and for conducting other financial matters, as they shall from time to time deem necessary. No money shall be withdrawn from any bank or company without the signature of two officers, viz.: The President or Vice-President, or Chairman of the Committee, and the Treasurer. All payments must be authorized by the Committee.

ARREARS.

Any member who is in arrears with his subscription shall be disqualified from holding office or speaking or voting at any general meeting, or at any special general meeting, and no new member shall have the privileges of the Institute until payment of his entrance fee.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Minutes of previous meeting.
Nomination of candidates for admission.
Business arising out of minutes.
Correspondence.
Reports.
Unfinished business.
New business.
Election of officers, &c.
Reading of papers.

House Rules.

1. The Institute rooms will be open every week day from 10 a.m. to 12 midnight, and on Sunday from 12 noon to 10 p.m.

2. Politics and religious questions of every kind are absolutely excluded from open discussion in the Institute.

3. A member, at his sole expense, may introduce a friend or friends to the rooms of the Institute.

(a) Members are requested to assist in discountenancing the "treating" system and to bring the custom in this Institute more in accord with that in vogue in all Military messes and clubs of best standing. (25 Jan., 1909.)

4. A member, at his sole expense, may introduce a lady or ladies to the lecture room when it is not required for lectures. Ladies may enter only from Simcoe Street and their names must be written by the member in a book kept for that purpose. (25 Jan., 1909.)

5. Parties interested in military or patriotic research may be admitted to the library and museum on certain days of the week, to be named by the Committee, by making application in writing to the honorary-secretary. (25 Jan., 1909.)

6. Any gentleman who has conferred a marked benefit upon the Institute or Militia of Canada, or who, by membership in the Canadian Horse Show, or as a judge therein, has assisted in the improvement of the Canadian horses, may, by the unanimous vote of the Committee, be granted the use of the Institute quarters for such period as the Committee may determine.

7. A member of the Montreal Military Institute, in good standing, may, upon submitting evidence of his membership therein, be entitled

to use the Canadian Military Institute as a privileged member during his temporary stay in Toronto. (27 Jan., 1908.)

8. Members shall pay their bills for all expenses incurred in Institute before leaving the rooms.

9. A member shall not take away from the rooms, or injure or destroy any newspaper, magazine, book or other article, the property of the Institute. A member shall be liable for any damage he may do to the property of the Institute.

10. A member shall not be allowed to bring a dog into the rooms under any pretence whatever.

11. No game shall on any account be played for money, except whist, bridge, ecarte and euchre.

12. No higher stakes than ten cent points shall be played for at whist, or half cent a point at bridge, nor shall any bet on cards exceed twenty-five cents.

13. Betting of any other kind shall not be allowed in the Institute.

14. Poker and other gambling games will not be permitted.

15. No cards shall be used other than those supplied by the Institute. Charges for cards shall be—New cards, 25 cts.; used cards, 15 cts.

16. The conduct of a servant shall in no instance be made the subject of a personal reprimand by any member, but all complaints shall be made in writing to the Committee.

Members, in order to promote general comfort, are requested to see that these rules are observed, and to call attention to any infraction of them.

